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AMENDMENT

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Please accept this Amendment as a timely response to the July 5, 2001 Office Action.

For the purpose of placing the above-identified patent application in condition for allowance, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the existing claim 9 with the following amended claim 9:

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9 (Amended). The process of claim 1, wherein said contacting step is conducted at a temperature of 100 to 260°C, a pressure of 10 to 50 barg (1100 to 5100 kPa), and a weight hourly space velocity of 1 to 10 on total feed, and a weight ratio of alkylatable aromatic compound to polyalkylated aromatic compound of 1:1 to 6:1.

A marked-up version of the existing claim 9 showing the changes incorporated in the amended claim is attached on a separate sheet.